

## House Republican Press Release

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### **State Representative Frey Reminds Shoppers To Take Advantage Of Sales Tax-Free Week**



State Representative John H. Frey, R-Ridgefield, today reminded consumers that Connecticut's "sales tax-free holiday" will take place shortly. From Sunday, August 21st through Saturday, August 27th, all clothing and footwear under \$300 will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax.

As part of the 2005-2006 state budget, the Legislature approved one-week sales exemption from the state's six per cent sales. The State of Connecticut began the sales tax free week in August 2000. It was rescinded in 2003 but brought back again last year. Proposals have been introduced to add a second week later in the year, but they have not received legislative approval.

Examples of clothing exempted during the sales tax-free holiday are jeans, dresses, blouses, shirts, shoes, sneakers, scarves, gloves, and belts. Non-apparel items, such as jewelry, wallets, and luggage are not included in the exemption.

"Given the tax increases approved this year, I'm hopeful many Ridgefielders will take advantage of one of the few tax breaks that was passed into law," said Rep. Frey, who serves as an Assistant Minority Leader. "Sales tax-free week is timed to be most helpful for families making back-to-school clothing purchases. However, it can provide savings to all shoppers and benefit retailers as well."

Rep. Frey and House Republican Caucus first introduced the concept in August 1999 - modeled after a successful New York program - as a way of providing additional relief to Connecticut families while boosting the state's economic competitiveness among neighboring states. Consumers seeking more information on the state's "sales tax-free week" can visit the Department of Revenue Services' website at: [www.ct.gov/drs](http://www.ct.gov/drs)